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SUBJ: CU/CP: CLEVELAND ORCHESTRA

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1. NO AGREEMENT EVER MADE WITH SZTERENFELD FOR EMBASSY TO ASSIST IN RAISING FUNDS LOCALLY TO HELP MEET ORCHESTRA'S TRAVEL COSTS.

2. SUBSTANCE REFTELS DISCUSSED WITH SZTERENFELD WHO SYS NO LOCAL SOURCE OF FUNDS AVAILABLE EXCEPT POSSIBLE BUSINESS DONATIONS. HIS ONLY SUGGESTION WOULD BE FOR HIM AND LOCAL SPONSOR, MOZARTEUM ARGENTINO, TO APPROACH AMERICAN AND ARGENTINE COMPANIES WITHOUT EMBASSY INVOLVEMENT. HOWEVER, FOR REASONS PRESENTED REF (A), AND ESPECIALLY AFTER SEPTEMBER 16 MEETING WITH AMERICAN BUSINESSMEN, WE CONTINUE FEEL ANY APPROACH TO COMPANIES COUNTER-PRODUCTIVE.

3. GIVEN PRESENT POLITICO-ECONOMIC SITUATION IN ARGENTINA, EMBASSY AGAIN REQUEST DEPT. FUND ENTIRE AMOUNT. IF THIS NOT POSSIBLE AND EVEN THOUGH SZTERENFELD SAYS NO OTHER LATIN AMERICAN COUNTRY CAN BE SUBSTITUTED, WE SEE NO ALTERNATIVE BUT TO ELIMINATE ARGENTINA FROM ORCHESTRA'S TOUR.
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